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REMARKS

2 The Applicant has received and reviewed the Official Action dated 12
3 December 2005 (the "Official Action"), and submits this paper as a fully-
4 responsive reply thereto. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of
5 this Application based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks.

6 Paragraphs 3, 5, 6, and 7 stated various rejections of pending claims 1-3, 5-
7 18, and 20-24 under either 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103. Paragraphs 8 and 9 indicated
8 that claims 25-29 were allowable over the cited art.

9 The Applicant first expresses appreciation for the indication of allowable
10 subject matter. Solely to expedite issuance of this allowable subject matter, the
11 Applicant cancels claims 1-3, 5-18, and 20-24 without any waiver, prejudice, or
12 disclaimer of the subject matter recited in the cancelled claims.

13 Allowed claims 25-29 remain pending, and the Applicant requests a Notice
14 of Allowance at the earliest convenience of the Office.

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16 **Conclusion**

17 The Applicant requests favorable action on this matter at the earliest
18 convenience of the Office. If personal discussion would advance prosecution of
19 this matter, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned to schedule a telephone
20 interview.

1 Respectfully Submitted,

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